

Utah Statewide Immunization System (USIIS) Monthly Report for April 2003

Technical Manager: USIIS has completed its interview process and has promoted Chris Pratt to the USIIS Technical Manager position. Chris is a long-time USIIS programmer with the knowledge and skills necessary to handle the many facets of the position.

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Provider Enrollment: Provider offices added to USIIS in April include William Graff, M.D. in St. George and Parowan Medical Clinic in Parowan. In addition, the State Office of Education is exploring the exchange of immunization data with USIIS, and the Murray School district has agreed to pilot school district enrollment for those school districts affiliated with the State Office of Education network. **Contact Tina Martinez at 801-538-6717 or timartin@utah.gov.**

Change Control: USIIS is developing new change control policies and procedures that will be implemented in May. It is hoped that this will enhance the new priorities process established in April. **Contact Nancy Paré at 801-538-6871 or npare@utah.gov.**

Grant Awarded: The USIIS Program was awarded a grant from the CDC to conduct a study on the “effectiveness of immunization registries for improved monthly VFC accountability and quality assurance.” Researchers from the CDC, the Utah Department of Health, Office of Health Care Statistics, and the USIIS and Immunization Programs will conduct and coordinate the study. Six private provider sites that service a large pediatric population and that are not current immunization registry users will be selected for the study. Sites selected will also have been a VFC provider for one year. The study is scheduled to begin September 2003. **Contact Christine Perfili at 801-538-6185 or cperfil@utah.gov.**

Data Quality: A data quality improvement plan was submitted to CDC in connection with the one time sentinel site grant. The plan explains tasks which will increase the accuracy of record matching, reduce duplicate records, increase record completeness, and increase immunization rates calculated from USIIS. **Contact Sandra Schulthies at 801-538-6114 or sschulthies@utah.gov.**

Entering Combination Vaccines: Many WebKIDS users may have noticed a problem with entering 3 combination vaccines into the vaccine inventory screens. Until now, WebKIDS has had only the capacity for adding 2 Vaccine Information Sheet (VIS) Version Dates into the form. Without the ability to enter 3 separate VIS Version Dates for these combos, this valuable data was not recorded. This shortfall has been remedied. The “Adjust Inventory” screen will now have the capability to record 3 VIS Version Dates. In the future, changes will be made to allow the addition of any number of VIS Version Dates to accommodate the release of future vaccines with more than 3 components. **Contact Chris Pratt at 801-538-9945 or cpratt@utah.gov.**

